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1. BASED ON REF A, WE HAVE MADE FIRM OFFER TO GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA RE: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION. PROPOSAL MADE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA), ECONOMIC DIVISION, WHOSE RESPONSE WAS POSITIVE. THEY, HOWEVER, REQUESTED TWO TO THREE WEEK DELAY IN PROVIDING EMBASSY DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON DEMONSTRATION SINCE THEY HAVE NOT AS YET DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL WITH OTHER MINISTRIES/AGENCIES WHICH WOULD HAVE INPUT IN ARRANGING OR PARTICIPATING IN DEMONSTRATION.

2. MOFA WAS PROVIDED OUTLINE CONTENT FILMED PORTION OF OF PRESENTATION DESCRIBED IN RF D, AND THEY DID NOT REQUEST PRE-SCREENING PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION. TIME FRAME, THIRD OR FOURTH WEEK OCTOBER, WAS SATISFACTORY. DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OBJECTIONS TO TIME FRAME FROM OTHER MINISTRIES/AGENCIES WITH WHOM MOFA WILL COORDINATE, HOWEVER, THIS REMAINS POSSIBILITY, ALBEIT REMOTE.

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3. MOFA OPTED FOR LIMITED DEMONSTRATION AUDIENCE,

UP TO 200 PERSONS CONSISTING OF INDIVIDUALS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR WHO COULD APPRECIATE POTENTIALITIES OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MECHANISMS, E.G., LANDSAT, ETC., AND COULD EVENTUALLY EXPLOIT THESE MECHANISMS IN PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT SENSE.

4. WE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT GOJ DESIGNATE A DEMONSTRATION COORDINATOR TO OVERSEE ALL ACTION REQUIRED THEIR SIDE, E.G., CUSTOM CLEARANCES, SITE OF DEMONSTRATION, AUDIENCE SELECTION, ETC., WHICH WOULD INVOLVE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES/ AGENCIES. CHIEF, ECONOMIC DIVISION, MOFA, STATED HE WOULD ASSUME ROLE AS DEMONSTRATION COORDINATOR.

5. MOFA OFFICIALS WERE PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION WORK DONE IN INDIA PAST YEAR UTILIZING ATS-6. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY PARTICULARS AVAILABLE THIS PROGRAM. IF INFORMATION ON INDIA PROGRAM IS INCLUDED IN PRESS KIT WHICH USIA TO SEND TO FIELD, INCLUDING KINGSTON, THAT WILL COVER OUR NEEDS.

6. MOFA ALSO DESIROUS OF KNOWING WHEN ADVANCE PERSON MENTIONED PARA 10, REF B WOULD ARRIVE IN COUNTRY, I.E., HOW MANY WEEKS BEFORE SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATION DATE? AS MOFA IS GOJ COORDINATOR FOR DEMONSTRATION, THEY WISH TO ASSURE ALL GOES SMOOTHLY, HENCE ARE DESIROUS OF OBTAINING THIS INDIVIDUAL'S ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE WELL IN ADVANCE ACTUAL DEMONSTRATION DATE. WE CONCUR THIS POINT, SINCE DESPITE BEST INTENTIONS, GOJ SIDE, SNAFUS NOT UNKNOWN HERE.

7. WILL PROVIDE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE DEMONSTRATION NLT 19 AUGUST. EVERY INDICATION, HOWEVER, IS THAT IT WILL BE "GO"; PLANNING SHOULD PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. GERARD

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